Representations from Women Bank Employees

*60. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received some representations from Women Bank employees against posting in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rewards for Income Tax Officials for conducting Raids

*51. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration for giving rewards to those income tax officials who had conducted raids to detect un-accounted money and gold during the last two years; and

(b) whether any percentage of the seized gold or money is proposed to be given to them in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A reward scheme for the officers and staff of the Income Tax Department is in operation since 1st April, 1985. Officers/staff taking part in search and seizure operations are also eligible for reward under this scheme.

(b) The officers/staff involved in a search operation which results in the seizure of a minimum amount of Rupees ten lakhs as unaccounted assets, are eligible for reward maximum of which is 10 per cent of the additional income brought to tax.

Reforms in the Pension Structure and Procedure for its payment

*52. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reform the pension structure and the procedures for payment of the same; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The pension structure, both for present and future pensioners, has recently been subjected to an indepth and integrated examination by the Fourth Central Pay Commission. The recommendations of the Pay Commission have since been examined and the decisions of the Government were announced on March 13, 1987 in the statement made in the House. The Government Resolution containing details of these decisions is being laid on the Table of the House separately. The reform of the procedure for pension payment is an ongoing process. In the recent past, the Head of the Offices have been made accountable for ensuring issue of Pension Payment Order and payment of gratuity on the date of retirement. The revised procedure for pension payment through public sector banks for the Armed Forces personnel has been introduced w.e.f. 1.1.1987 eliminating the treasury from the route of the Pension Payment Order.